GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5449
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2005
VIOLATION OF MATERNITY BENEFIT ACT, 1961
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of poor women workers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that there are numerous complaints of violation of Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 in the country particularly in the unorganised sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a): As per Census of India, 2001, out of the total 127220248 female workers, 72857170 are main female workers and 54363078 are marginal female workers. The state-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) to (d): The women workers employed in the unorganized sector and covered under the Maternity Benefit Act are mostly in State Sphere and as such State Governments deal with such grievances at their level.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5449 PART - (a)

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT SHOWING TOTAL FEMALE WORKERS (MAIN AND MARGINAL) STATE-WISE/U.Ts. AS PER CENSUS OF INDIA, 2001

Sl.No.	STATE/U.Ts.	TOTAL WORKERS	MAIN WORKERS	MARGINAL WORKERS
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	1073874	381710	692164
2.	Himachal Pradesh	1305803	630521	675282
3.	Punjab	2167261	1409704	757557
4.	Chandigarh	56003	51939	4064
5.	Uttaranchal	1137859	683105	454754
6.	Haryana	2661940	1308320	1353620
7	Delhi	585133	523171	61962
8.	Rajasthan	9070853	4595570	4475283
9.	Uttar Pradesh	13002266	4999389	8002877
10.	Bihar	7491603	3541857	3949746
11.	Sikkim	97327	66363	30964
12.	Arunachal Pradesh	189290	147623	41667
13.	Nagaland	358828	279166	79662
14.	Manipur	417997	229137	188860
15.	Mizoram	204151	137022	67129
16.	Tripura	328215	170238	157977

17. Meghalya 401655 271317 130338
18. Assam 2667631 1265065 1402566
19. West Bengal 7093646 3528612 3565034
20. Jharkhand 3449174 1312715 2136459
21. Orissa 4474482 1584529 2889953
22. Chhattisgarh 4148012 2311660 1836352
23. Madhya Pradesh 9599151 5046293 4552858
24. Gujarat 6778235 3544508 3233727
25. Daman & Diu 12222 8648 3574
26. Dadra & Nagar Havel 38287 25028 13259
27. Maharashtra 14321256 10331758 3989498
28. Andhra Pradesh 13231667 9585381 3646286
29. Karnataka 8299436 5467914 2831522
30. Goa 147637 98312 49325
31. Lakshadweep 2150 1422 728
32 Kerala 2518242 1776280 741962
33. Tamil Nadu 9777885 7454473 2323412
34. Pondicherry 83985 72162 11823
35. Andaman & Nicobar 27092 16258 10834